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NOTICE—The officers of H.M.S. "Icarus"
will not be responsible for any debts con-
tracted in their name by any person whatso-
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nent corner, on account of departure. In-
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finder will confer a favor by returning same to
this office. j25

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dressing room off, and bath for a married
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KLONDYKERS—You want a good furnished
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No 83, 100 Government St. j25

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get your last year's garments made new
this year by having them cleaned or dyed, and
pressed equal to new at the Paisley Dye Works,
16 Yates street. j25

KLONDYKE—WANTED—Men to join party
in working a claim already secured at
Meadow Creek off Sulphur Creek; small capital
required. Apply to Mr. A. H. L. Salmon's
tobaccoist, cor. Yates and Government St. j25

WANTED two experienced sewing machine
operators. Apply Thomas Bros & Grant,
merchant tailors, and manufacturers of the
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Government street. j25

LADIES
Who delight in hands of lily
like whiteness, should use
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Bowes' Drug Store,
100 Government Street
Near Yates Street

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Mr. J. W. Speck holds my power
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this city.
BEN. WILLIAMS.
Victoria, January 24, 1898.

VICTORIA BUILDING SOCIETY.
The annual general meeting of the above so-
ciety will be held at the Victoria Hotel, 22nd day
of January, 1898, at 8 p.m.
Business: To receive the directors and audit-
or's reports together with the secretary's report
and balance sheet for the past year.
Election of officers and board of management
together with such other business as may be
brought before the meeting.
By Order
A. E. G. FLINT,
Secretary

New Advertisements continued on page Two.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

The British Preference Extended to
the Full to All the Little
Nations.

Mr. Heinze's Properties Again Be-
fore the C. P. R.—The Stickine
Route Survey.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 24. — It is reported here
that F. A. Heinze, of Roseland, is desirous
of reopening negotiations with the
C.P.R. for the purchase of his smelter
at Trail and railway to Roseland. Mr.
Heinze wanted \$1,300,000; and the C.P.
R. as already reported offered him \$800,000.

The new trial of Mrs. Sternaman has
been fixed by the Minister of Justice to
take place in May before Judge Robert-
son.

Mr. Scarth, deputy minister of agricul-
ture, has gone to Washington to study
the workings of the patent office with a
view to the reorganization of the Cana-
dian patents branch.

The department of customs has decid-
ed to allow a refund of the duty paid on
products from Liberia, Spain, Salvador,
Tonga and the South African Republic
since the preferential tariff took effect on
April 22 last. As, with the exception of
Spain, Canada does not import much
from these countries, the amount of re-
fund will not be great.

Engineer Jennings' report on the
Stickine-Teslin route states that there is
little fodder for horses, hence it will be
necessary for parties Yukon bound to
take a plentiful supply for the animals.

The department of customs has decid-
ed that cards, portfolios, pasteboard
boxes or other coverings containing cut
samples of cloth edgings, textile fabrics,
buttons of various patterns and other
articles, being representatives of goods,
and obviously intended for use only as
samples to sell by, and having no
commercial value, may be admitted
free of duty. The term "no commercial
value" does not apply to portfolios,
boxes or other coverings, used in dis-
playing samples, which are susceptible
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RECIPROCITY OUT OF SIGHT.

Washington Has Put Aside for the Present
Any Hope of an Arrangement
With Canada.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. — Reciprocity
negotiations continue to proceed in a
manner satisfactory to the officials, but
there is no present prospect that agree-
ments will be concluded in the near fu-
ture. The British negotiations as to
reciprocity with the West Indies have
advanced as a result of several recent
meetings between Sir Julian Pauncefote
and Commissioner Kasson. The basis of
exchange has been formulated, but the
draft of an agreement has not been
made. The ambassador expects to have
in a few days much valuable material
from the several colonies bearing on the
articles likely to come within the agree-
ment. The negotiations are restricted
to the West Indian colonies, the plan of
Canadian reciprocity being put aside for
the present. Hopes are still expressed
that some general arrangement can be
made by which the commission will deal
with all Canadian questions, including
not only reciprocity but also the Behring
sea matter. At present there are no ne-
gotiations in that direction, although it
is said that they may be reported.

THE FRENCH HUBBUB.

The House Continues to Vote Confidence in
the Government—Germany Disclaims
Connection With Dreyfus.

PARIS, Jan. 24. — The chamber of de-
puties was thronged at this afternoon's
session. M. De Beauregard protested
against the treatment accorded the
chamber on Saturday saying it recalled
the coups d'etat of December 1857 and
of November 1799. (Prolonged mur-
murs.) The deputy further complained
of the intervention of the troops on Sat-
urday. The president of the chamber
explained that those who were charged
to clear the tribune met with resistance
and thought it their duty to call out the
guards. M. Jaures, the socialist leader,
requested permission to continue the
discussion of Saturday. He criticized
the government's "incomplete prosecu-
tion" of Emile Zola, and asked the
reasons for this state of affairs. The
house by a vote of 376 to 133 expressed
confidence in the government.

M. Jaures protested against the alleged
illegality and secrecy of the Dreyfus pro-
ceedings and reproached the government
with pusillanimity. He also claimed
that for the past 26 years the republic
had been controlled by financiers, and
accused the majority of desiring the re-
delivery of the republic into the hands
of the monarchy and the clericals, and
added: "But the socialists are prepared
to defend the true republic." The
premier, M. Meline, refused to reply,
because, he said, "the government had
no right to constitute itself a court of
justice."

BERLIN, Jan. 24. — The minister for
foreign affairs, Baron von Bulow, made
a solemn statement to-day before the
budget committee of the reichstag in re-
gard to the Dreyfus affair. He declared
most emphatically that there never had
been relations of any kind between Ger-
man representatives or agents and Dreyfus.
Continuing, the minister said that the
story of the waste paper basket inci-
dent at the German embassy in Paris
and the finding therein of compromising
documents affecting Dreyfus, was a sheer
invention. He added that the Dreyfus
affair had not affected in the slightest
the calm relations between the German
and French governments. The speaker
knew nothing of the visit of Dreyfus to
the Reichland, and still less of the al-
leged facilities given Dreyfus by German
officials during his alleged visit.

Baron Von Bulow prefaced his declar-
ation by saying he could only speak
with extreme caution as otherwise his
words might be represented as an inter-
ference in French affairs, and he thought
there was more reason for enjoining re-
serve since it might be expected that
light would be thrown upon the affair by
the proceedings initiated in France it-
self.

LONDON, Jan. 24. — (Special) — It is said
that Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Lindsay, com-
manding officer of the Seventh Fusiliers
will be the standard bearer for the Con-
servatives at the coming provincial elec-
tions.

Pauline Johnson to Wed.
WINNIPEG, Jan. 24. — (Special) — The en-
gagement is announced of Mr. Charles
R. T. Drayton, of this city, to Miss E.
Pauline Johnson, the Indian poetess of
Brantford, Ont. Miss Johnson is giving
recitals in Manitoba at present. The
marriage will take place in September.

Klondyke Outfits, Best Value
for Money at W. & J. Wilson's.
To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets.
All druggists refund the money if it fails
to cure. 25 cents.

A Live Topic.
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A NEIGHBORLY RULING

Handsome Return Made by Wash-
ington for the Freedom of the
Canadian Gold Fields.

Seattle Traffic Offered to Victoria
Vessels Causes a Remark-
able Decision.

All-Canadian Route the Only Avenue
of Escape From Petty Official
Annoyance.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. — Acting Sec-
retary Spaulding to-day decided in a case
presented by the Canadian Pacific Nav-
igation Co., that the transportation of
American freight from Seattle or other
American ports consigned for Alaska,
via Victoria, Vancouver or Nanaimo and
at those ports transferred to British ves-
sels, is a violation of American coasting
laws, and subjects the merchandise to
forfeiture. General Spaulding to-day
said:

"This measure is one of several in
course of preparation by the treasury
which seems to be called for by recent
events and new conditions to protect and
develop American interests in the Pacific
and Alaska."

"The act of 1893, under which this
ruling is made, is as follows: 'No mer-
chandise shall be transported under
penalty of forfeiture thereof from one
point of the United States to another
port of the United States in a vessel be-
longing wholly or in part to a subject of
any foreign power.'

THE EAST SNOWBOUND.

Montreal Streets Almost Impassable and
All Trains Delayed.

MONTREAL, Jan. 24. — (Special) — One of
the biggest snowstorms witnessed in
Montreal for years commenced yester-
day and continued all day, and to-day
the streets are almost impassable owing
to the heavy snowfall. The storm de-
moralized street car traffic, and incoming
railway trains are late.

KIAOCHOU AN OPEN PORT.

Germany to Respect the British Contention
for Equal Trading Privileges
There.

LONDON, Jan. 24. — The Times says
editorially this morning: "We are glad
to learn from various trustworthy and
mutually independent sources that the
rumors of Germany's intention to open
Kiaochou to the world's commerce are
well founded. If this decision is main-
tained, Kiaochou will possibly become a
great, busy and flourishing port of the
world's trade north of Hongkong."
"The wisdom of the decision cannot
be doubted. It will tend to improve the
unnecessarily strained relations between
Germany and England. It is to be
hoped that other nations will follow
Germany's example, and that the Far-
Eastern question may be thereby greatly
simplified."

THE TROOPS FOR EGYPT.

It is the King of Abyssinia Who Proposes
to Make the Trouble Guarded
Against.

LONDON, Jan. 24. — As usual there are,
all sorts of explanations of the sudden
rush of British troops to Egypt, except
the right one. What really seems to
have happened is that Col. Parsons
while en route to take over Kassaala from
the Italians, found King Menelik of
Abyssinia in the greatest state of wrath
at the surrender of the town (which his
Majesty regarded as part of his domain),
to the Egyptians, and he has mobilized
an army with the intention of asserting
his authority. If the King should be
acting as suspected, in concert with the
Mahdi, the danger of the situation is
greatly enhanced, especially if there is
any truth in the stories which are leak-
ing out just now of the existence of dis-
satisfaction among General Sir Herbert
Kitchener's Sudanese (who are real
fighters), and the reported lack of back-
bone shown by the Egyptians during the
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We have a reputation which is the result of
years of conscientious service to the public.
You already know of it, so it is only neces-
sary to submit to you a few specimen prices:

Parlor Matches. Packages of 1 dozen
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Best Table Fruits, Peaches, Pears, Plums,
Apricots, 20 Cent Tin.
Try our "Dixi" Hams and Bacon.
Use Watson's Glenlivet Whisky.

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Fur Coats and Caps, Leather Coats Lined with Lamb's
Wool, Corduroy and Flannel Artic Stockings and Mitts,
Sleeping Bags Lined with Fur and Wool, Waterproof
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Have the largest and best selected stock in the
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Provisions, Groceries, Tools, Cooking Utensils, Tents, Etc

We have had large experience as to what goods
are required and how to pack them so that they
may arrive at their destination in good order.

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We have mined ourselves and for the past thirty-
five years have outfitted miners. Our experience
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ing here

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Put Up In Cans.

Evaporated
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Always ready for instant use as soon as you have boiling water.

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All goods sold by us will be carefully put up in packages suitable for trans-
portation in boats, sleighs or pack animals. We are sole agents for the best
PATENT PORTABLE YUKON HOUSE and CAMP BED—both of the latest
invention, and are prepared to sell them at a reasonable price. All papers for free entry of outfits into the Klondyke required by customs
authorities prepared by us free of charge.

KLONDIKE OUTFITTERS

ON A BUSY OF DANTE.

See from this counterfeit of him
Whom Arno shall remember long
How stern of lineament, how grim
The father was of Tuscan song!
There but the burning sense of wrong,
Perpetual care and scorn abide;
Small comfort for the lonely throng;
Distrust of all the world beside.

Faithful if this was his life,
No dream his life was—but a fight!
Could any Dante see
A lover in that anchorite?
To that cold, belline's gloomy sight,
Who could have guessed the visions came
Of beauty, veiled with heavenly light,
In circles of eternal flame?

The lips as Cume's cavern close,
The cheeks with fast and sorrow thin,
The rigid front, almost morose,
But for the patient hope within,
Declare a life whose course hath been
Untroubled still, though still severe,
Which, through the warring days of sin,
Kept itself icy chaste and clear.

Not wholly such his haggard look
When wandering once, forlorn, he strayed,
With no companion save his book,
To Corvo's hushed monastic shade.
There, as the Benedictine laid
His palm upon the convent's guest,
The single boon for which he prayed
Was peace, that pilgrim's one request.

Peace dwells not here. This rugged face
Was no spirit of rare, but of rare,
The sullen warrior sole was trace,
The marble man of many woes.
Such was his mien when first arose
The thought of that strange old divine,
When hell he peopled with his foes,
Dread scourge of many a guilty line.

War to the last he waged with all
The tyrant cankerworms of earth.
Baron and duke, in hold or hall,
Cursed the dark hour that gave him birth.
He used Romeo's harlot for his mirth,
Flunked baron hypocrisy and crime,
But valiant souls of knightly worth
Transmitted to the rolls of time.

O Time, whose verdicts mock our own,
The only righteous judge art thou!
That poor, old exile, sad and lone,
Is Latium's other Virgin now.
Before his name to nations bow,
His words are parables of mankind,
Deep in whose hearts, as on his brow,
The marks have sunk of Dante's mind.
—Thomas William Parsons

HELD THE FORT.

The yard of the stockade was filled
With the little garrison. They ran here
and there busily, tightening the cinches,
packing the mules with rations and
blankets and ammunition, laughing,
joking and larking.

In a corner, silent, there stood apart,
watching the others with most pathetic
eyes, a boy of 14, who alone of all that
crowd seemed to have no share in the
bustle of the departure. He was lamed
in the legs so that to walk was difficult
and to ride impossible.

"Goodby, Teddy!" cried a boy on a
horse. "Isn't it glorious hunting
weather? If you were only coming, too,
it would be perfect. Oh, Teddy, you—
you've been crying!"

"I've not, Jack," he said, with an
effort to speak calmly, "only—only I
hate to be left behind. If only I could
ride!"

"I'll bring you back the hide of the
first buffalo I shoot, Teddy," said Jack
consolingly and with no doubt in his
mind as to his bringing down any buffalo
at all.

But, though Teddy thanked him and
tried to laugh, the offer was small com-
fort. What comfort could Jack offer?

"Well, anyway, Teddy," said Jack,
with a happy inspiration, "you'll have
a bully time in the fort all by yourself
with only old Schreiber. You'll be al-
most in command yourself."

"Ah, yah! Who'll be in command?
Teddy McNabb! He couldn't keep out
the prairie dogs if they attacked the
fort."

A stout, red faced young trumpeter,
a witless lout, had approached the
friends and made the remark.

By came the captain, whistling, jolly
and inspired with the breath of the
morning. He picked up the cripple in
his strong arms and held him high in
the air.

"It's a pity you can't come, laddie,"
he said gently, for there were few who
were not fond of Teddy, "but you'll
find lots to do here. See! I duly com-
mission you as Sergeant Schreiber's
lieutenant in charge of Fort Ethan dur-
ing my absence and particularly leave
in your charge my wife and her maid.
Mind you look well after them."

He planted the cripple tenderly on
the ground again and jumped into the
saddle of the horse the trumpeter held
ready. Then they all rode off, a gallant
little company, for the first big hunt of
the season.

"Give them a farewell blast, Teddy,"
said the captain's wife beside him.

Teddy took his bugle willingly, for
this at least he could do—blow as sweet
a note as ever sent a soldier to dream
of home or walked him to the sunburst
of the morning. Far away on the summit
of a bluff, beneath the horizon, the
vanishing troop heard the sound and
halted. Teddy ceased, and almost on
the instant there came to the watchers
the return call, faint and distant, but,
even in the distance, cheery and con-
solating.

"Ah, Teddy, the bugle, the bugle!"
said the captain's wife. "How it speaks
to a soldier and a soldier's wife! Ser-
geant Schreiber, what's the strength of
your command?"

"Five of us," said the sergeant;
"quite sufficient in these times of
peace with the Indians, who are all out
on the hunt."

"There are six, sergeant," said Teddy
quickly but timidly, and then flushed
when the sergeant's lip trembled with
a smile. But Schreiber was a good old
chap, and the smile instantly died
away. He had not counted Teddy, but
now he answered gravely:

"That's right, Teddy; six it is. I
forgot to count myself."

The day dragged itself away more
drearily and lengthily than days usu-
ally did in the cheery little stockade.

One afternoon as Teddy peered along
the horizon line with the big, old fash-
ioned telescope which was kept there
for the purpose he gave a cry of delight
and called down to the yard, where

Sergeant Schreiber was cleaning the
one brass howitzer the post possessed.

"Here they come!" he screamed.
The captain's wife and Schreiber and
four veterans came up to the lookout to
see for themselves, the captain's wife
with a tripping run, screaming, "Oh,
where, Teddy?" but the sergeant with
dignity and the four old boys with
whoops and grunts in four inharmoni-
ous keys.

"There they are," cried Teddy, point-
ing to a dusty cloud on the outermost
rim of the plain.

"Was? Was? Was? So! Too much
dust, Tedchen! Der captain he vill not
galloping home come!"

Very quickly the matter was explain-
ed. It was not the hunters at all, but
something even more exciting. As the
cloud came nearer the garrison could
distinguish one solitary white horse-
man approaching at a speed which was
more than a gallop.

Behind him at some distance, but
closing in on the fugitive, was a band
of Indians, not in war costume, but in
the semikind dress of the hunt. Ser-
geant Schreiber ran quickly down, opened
the gate and closed it with the heavy bars
as soon as the breathless fugitive was
inside. The man dropped from his saddle,
exhausted.

"Mein vrent," said the sergeant,
looking at him severely through frown-
ing eyebrows, "was has you pin do-
ing?"

Before the stranger could answer the
pursuers were at the gate, shouting
aloud for their prey to come out.
Schreiber listened to their cries atten-
tively.

"I vill myself mit dem speak," said
Schreiber. He went to the wicket be-
side the big gate and let himself quick-
ly out. Then the babel outside ceased,
and for a time there was evidently a
grave palaver outside the fort.

In ten minutes the sergeant reappear-
ed and found the captain's wife and
Teddy and the four veterans awaiting
him anxiously. Schreiber paid no at-
tention to them, but stepped sternly to
the stranger.

"Did you steal Little Man's war
pony?"

"We'll," said the man, with a calm
grin, "it's not a polite way of putting
it, but I guess it's so."

"Did you kill Little Man when he
accused you—so?"

"I guess it's so."

"Because it was that you are white
you think you can do these things, eh?
You bring those mad Indians to fight mit
us to save your dirty skin, you horse
thief! Suppose I turn you to them over?
Serve you right, eh?"

The man rose calmly to his feet and
took a leisurely step to the barred
wicket.

"If you say so," he said.

"No," said the sergeant savagely,
"I will not give you to be massacred,
but you are a prisoner, recollect, and
shall be decently hanged after the rules
and regulations have been attended to
in a proper and soldierly manner."

With cool deliberation he proceeded
to make his little garrison as effective
as possible, placed his men at the loop-
holes, had the howitzer drawn to the
gate and told Teddy to run in and stay
with the women in the captain's house.

But Teddy would not do any such
thing.

"I can't ride and I can't run," he
said, "but I can shoot through a loop-
hole."

Then Schreiber, trusting to his
knowledge of the Indians' language and
to the respect they had for his uniform,
went out again among the band and
argued with them.

The shrewd chief had already guessed
by the sergeant's solitary appearance
that the captain was absent. He began
to put on great airs. He dismissed the
sergeant contemptuously as an under-
ling and ordered him to give up the
horse thief and murderer, or he—the
Ogalalla—would take him by force.

Schreiber was in a dilemma, but he
was obstinate as a bulldog, and he knew
it was his duty to hold the refugee. He
promptly refused to give up the stranger.

Now, in any large company of men,
be they red, white or black, there is
always a fool, and among the Indians
there was a young brave who thought
to leap into notoriety, even at the ex-
pense of causing war between his tribe
and the whites.

This young man, as Sergeant Schrei-
ber turned to re-enter the fort, delib-
erately aimed at the soldier's back and
sent a bullet crashing through his side.
Schreiber staggered through the wicket,
which was instantly closed, and fell
forward within. He was practically
disabled.

The stranger then stepped forward.
The captain's wife was attending to the
sergeant's wounds, and the fugitive
bowed to her most politely.

"It seems," he said, with a most
courtly air and a cynical smile, "that
I have erred. I thought I was seeking
safety in a well garrisoned fort, but I
find I have placed a lady and a few old
men in danger. Permit me to rectify
my mistake. As it is only me these
gentlemen want they shall meet me."

Two revolvers were at his belt, and
he had a rifle slung at his back. He
leaped to the gate, which opened right
and left on rollers, and, with one big
shove forced them back in the grooves.

So quickly had he done so that none
of the others had time to prevent his
suicide, for suicide it was. Crack,
crack, crack—right, left, right—his
pistols went off among the Indians, and
three men fell, howling. Their panic,
however, lasted but for an instant, and
in another moment the crowd would
have pressed him down, ridden him
right into the ground.

But there is a madness of the brave,
and this madness, this sudden, uncon-
sidering fury, suddenly possessed the
veterans within the stockade. Through
the open gates they saw a white man
fighting alone with a crowd of reds,
and simultaneously, as if shoved
forward by one hand, these four old heroes
threw themselves after him to haul him
back to safety.

Old Schreiber, unable to move from

where he had fallen, nerved to them
to come back and close the gates, but
they never heard him. In an instant
they were by the stranger's side and
fighting furiously and blindly. In an-
other instant they were down! It was
40 to 5, and they were old men.

Teddy had been standing by the gun,
which, loaded with grape and ready to
fire, faced the now open gates. For the
moment the Ogalallas were as much as-
tonished as he. They stood facing the
empty fort, which they found at their
mercy.

They had not come to attack. They
had no idea of fighting with the sol-
diers, with whom they were at peace,
but they had tasted blood, and nothing
would have held in the younger men
now. They glared, panting, at the crip-
pled boy, their sole opponent, for
Schreiber was helpless, and he looked
into their eyes with sudden, awful fear.
Then there came to his ears, both at
once, as distinctly as on the day they
were uttered the words of the malicious
trumpeter and the words of the cap-
tain's farewell:

"Teddy could not keep out the prai-
rie dogs!"

"I leave in your charge my wife!"
The Indians were within 20 feet of
him, gathering themselves for a rush.
Teddy never moved his eyes from the
Indians, but with a white face fired the
gun.

Before the roar of the discharge and
the shrieks of the Indians had died
away Teddy had hobbled to the gates,
and Schreiber, with a supreme effort,
forced himself to rise and assist. Be-
tween them they managed to close the
way before the Ogalallas had recovered
from the shock.

"Mein Gott! Mein Gott!" he mutter-
ed. "A cripple boy and a woman to hold
the fort! It is impossible!"

Which is the soldier's way of saying
that all is lost. But the captain's wife
looked into Teddy's eyes and saw some-
thing there to give her hope.

"You won't—you won't let them in,
Teddy?" she whispered, and then
stooped and kissed the boy.

The Indians had drawn off, dismayed
at the sudden and terrible repulse they
had met with at the hands of a child,
but now they were urged to attack the
fort by a passion greater than their
mere lust for blood. They hungered for
revenge.

By Schreiber's whispered direction
Teddy took post at a loophole with a
rifle. He was no mean shot for a boy,
and as the hours passed he succeeded in
picking off more than one Indian.

But he could not from one loophole
cover all the ground, and very shortly
the Indians succeeded in creeping close
up to the gate and piling against it
bundles of brush and dry grass. Teddy
saw, but he was powerless to prevent.

The captain's wife came to Teddy at
last and handed him a revolver, asking
him to load it for her. The boy looked
at her inquiringly and saw in her eyes
what she desired in case of the worst.
He took the gun and stuck it in his
belt.

"They are not going to get in," he
said quietly.

"Teddy," she said, "you are a brave
boy, but you are only one. The captain
would tell you to do what I want. He
would do it himself. Promise me—if
they get in—"

Teddy promised. He had loaded the
old cannon again. He had loaded it to
the muzzle with all kinds of iron
scraps. Schreiber, from the ground,
looked on approvingly.

"Wait till the last moment," the
dying soldier said, "and give it them
full in the face, Teddy."

The heap of brush was alight, the
gate had taken fire. Teddy felt within
him a wild tumult of passions arising.
He felt inclined to laugh and to cheer
as he stood by his gun, waiting for
Schreiber to give the word. He thought
how much better it was to die like this
than live long years a useless cripple.

He remembered the captain's wife
and loaded the pistol and gave it to her
and kissed her goodbye.

"Not till the last," he said. "Not
until the very last." He felt himself a
man. He soothed her as a child.

By the gate hung a bugle, and he
hobbled to it and put it to his lips.
Into it he would blow one last song
of defiance and triumph and the joy of
the hero. Above the noise outside the
notes rang out bravely. Again and
again—such a song as never a bugle
sang before.

He was lost in the burst of it and
heard nothing else, but in a moment's
pause the captain's wife came running
to him with hope and joy in her eyes.

"It was answered, Teddy! It was an-
swered!" she screamed. "They are
coming! They are coming!"

She sank fainting to the ground, but
Teddy heeded her not at all. His eye
was on the gun, but he kept on blowing,
blowing furiously.

The minutes passed, and the gates
were tottering. The minutes passed,
but nearer and nearer across the plain,
in answer to that wild call of the
trumpet, came the troop at full charge.
There were a yell and a rush from the
outside, and the gates fell in.

"Now!" shrieked the sergeant and
fell back dead.

Into the face of them as they swarm-
ed in Teddy fired the contents of the
old gun. They were almost touching
him. They fell, wriggling and twisting
at his feet. They fell across the gun,
but he never stepped back.

Nearer and nearer came the thunder-
ous thud of the horses' feet, and before
the panic stricken Indians could flee
the troop, returning, was upon them
with pistol and saber.

When it was over, the captain turned
from his wife to the crowd of men who
were hugging Teddy and caught him
up in his arms.

"You little major!" he cried.
"You've saved my wife, God bless you!
God bless you!"

But Teddy had given way. He was
sobbing and laughing hysterically.

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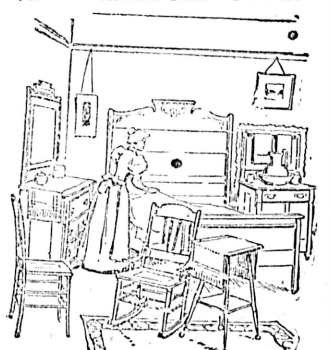
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CLOSE THE PASSES.

At a large and representative meeting of Victoria business men held yesterday in the Board of Trade rooms, which was also attended by representatives of the Vancouver Board of Trade, the following telegram was ordered to be sent to the Hon. Clifford Sifton in the name of the boards of both cities:

"Referring to your telegrams of the third and twentieth instant to the Victoria Board of Trade and of the sixteenth and twenty-first to the Vancouver Board, the interests of Canadian trade demand the closing of the Passes at the head of Lynn Canal until satisfactory regulations are actually in the officers' hands at Dyea and Skagway."

The reason for sending this message is the apparent unwillingness of the United States to keep faith with the Canadian government in the matter of the regulations. It appears that although an agreement was reached at Washington between Hon. Mr. Sifton and the Secretary of the United States treasury under which no restrictions were to be placed in the way of the free transit of Canadian goods across the so-called Alaskan strip, much delay is taking place in putting the regulations in force or even in publishing what they are. This is being used by the merchants of United States cities very greatly to the disadvantage of Canadian cities, and it is felt that the time has arrived when some action should be taken to bring things to a head. The Colonist said some days ago that it was time for the business men of British Columbia to speak and insist upon their rights, and we are glad to know that they have done so, and in no uncertain way.

We express the sentiments of every person in business in British Columbia when we say that rather than see Canada treated any longer as she is being treated in this matter, we would be pleased to see the whole Yukon country closed. The loss attending the closing of the passes may be considerable, if they remain closed long; but our business people are prepared to put up with this rather than see themselves imposed upon and their country made to appear ridiculous by the line of action now being followed by the United States government.

There is no disposition to find fault with Mr. Sifton. He has evidently acted on the presumption that he was dealing with people possessed of some sense of what is due from one nation to another; but he seems to have been mistaken. He went to Washington and entered into an agreement in perfectly good faith. He returned to Ottawa and the Canadian part of the arrangement was at once put into effect. The part to be performed by the United States government hangs fire and no one can tell when it will be acted upon. The Secretary of the United States Treasury telegraphed some days ago to the government at Ottawa that the regulations would be put in force as soon as the Collector for Alaska arrived at Washington, which would be in the course of two or three days. At the time that telegram was sent the collector was at Juneau, and there was not the least probability of his getting to Washington within several weeks. He has not even yet left Juneau. This may be in accordance with national honor, but it is more like the trick of a political sharper. Mr. Sifton, or rather the Ottawa government, must act in the premises as becomes men who have to deal with people of that class, and give notice that unless good faith is kept at once the Passes will be closed.

The question has been asked if the Canadian government can in point of fact close the Passes; that is, if the geographical conditions of the country will permit it. The answer is that the Passes can be closed by removing the custom house to some other point and placing preventive officers on the river to seize all goods entering the Yukon by that route. If an order is made to this effect, the merchants of the United States cities will beg their government to remove all obnoxious regulations instantly.

We should be sorry, in one sense, to see such a course taken, because we would prefer to see nothing done that would create hard feelings between the people of the two countries; but the time has passed when such matters can be considered. The Yukon gold fields are in Canada, and Canada must protect the trade of her citizens. If not we may as well surrender our sovereign rights to the country. We permit aliens to carry away the gold. If we are going to allow an alien government to hamper our trade, we may as well not own the country at all.

NO ONE'S MOUTH CLOSED.

We print a letter this morning from Hon. D. W. Higgins, which is almost as remarkable for its extraordinary tone as for its authorship. We think, and believe the great majority of people will agree with us, that the intervention of the Speaker of the House in a discussion of this nature is unique. We think that the tone which he has chosen to adopt is singularly unhappy, and his conception of parliamentary law utterly without warrant.

His intervention in the discussion is unique, because while occupying a judicial position in regard to the rules of the house, he has taken the unprecedented course of deciding a case before it has arisen, and has placed himself in a position that unfits him to impartially listen to and decide upon the arguments that may be presented for his consideration. The only explanation of this very remarkable performance that suggests itself is that Mr. Higgins does not contemplate holding his office any longer than is necessary to formally open the legislature. He surely does not propose to sit in the Speaker's chair and go through the farce of pronouncing upon the meaning of a rule, which he has already attempted to interpret in the public newspapers and as a partisan.

We think the tone of his letter is singularly unhappy. The references of the Colonist to Hon. Mr. Higgins have always been respectful, even when we have felt that he had placed himself in a position that justified different treatment. He has seen fit to reciprocate with a cheap attempt at sarcasm, more worthy of a callow youth than of the "father of provincial journalism," and with what we must characterize as a deliberate perversion of the Colonist's language. We say the perversion is deliberate, because Mr. Higgins is too familiar with the meaning of words not to know that he has perverted what this paper said. For example, in the second paragraph of his letter he says that the Colonist advanced the proposition "that even if the Speaker should rule that a case which is *sub judice* may not be discussed in the legislature his decision should be overruled." Mr. Higgins must have known that in writing this he had no warrant in anything that appeared in the Colonist. The only portion of the Colonist's article which referred to the overruling by the house of Mr. Speaker's decision is the following:

Undoubtedly the legislature may by its own rules debar itself from discussing anything, but the right of any member to bring before the house any subject which he may consider of public interest cannot be taken away by implication. There must be some special rule exactly meeting the case. If a question arises under any rule framed in that behalf, the house has itself the right to say how the rule shall be interpreted, and from that decision there is no appeal. Therefore, even if it be true as has been alleged, that Mr. Speaker will hold that the matters dealt with in the libels cannot be properly discussed by the house under its rules of order, it is quite competent for the house to overrule his decision and take the case up.

We shall not discuss the broad question as to whether the house can be debarred from discussing anything that it sees fit to take up. This does not arise, and it will be time enough to discuss it when it does. What we wish to point out is that the Colonist raised no question as to the right of the house to overrule Mr. Speaker and take up the discussion of a case *sub judice*. What we do say is that the fact that a suit has been brought in a court, in which the guilt or innocence of certain parties of an alleged libel is involved, does not debar the house from considering the propriety of Hon. Messrs. Turner and Pooley acting on a board of directors. This is not *sub judice*. It cannot be *sub judice*. No court has the right to pronounce upon it. It has not been suggested by the Colonist that the house should take up the discussion of the guilt or innocence of the defendants. We have simply maintained, and shall continue to maintain, that the existence of the libel proceedings is no bar to a question asked on notice in the regular way or to a resolution condemning the action of ministers of the Crown in acting on boards of directors. Ministers of the Crown cannot prevent their acts from being ventilated on the floors of the house by instituting libel proceedings.

Nor did the Colonist say that the rule under consideration was nonsensical. It simply said that any rule that would permit ministers to do such a thing would be nonsensical.

Referring now to the quotations from May which Mr. Speaker gives in his letter, we have only to say that they are wide of the mark altogether. They are three in number, and all refer to "matters under adjudication." But the fact of Messrs. Turner and Pooley being directors is not under adjudication. There is no question on that point. The propriety of their being directors is not under adjudication, and cannot be. The only question under adjudication is whether certain newspapers used libellous language in referring to that fact. We do not believe Mr. Higgins to be as dense as he would have people think he is when he pretends not to be able to see the distinction. If what Mr. Higgins contends is the law of parliament, then all that a minister of the crown has to do is to begin a suit in the police court, involving proof that supply was voted last year, in order to shut off all discussion of the manner in which the government had administered the provincial finances. There is likely to be a warm discussion in parliament at Ottawa over the Drummond county railway. Why has it not occurred to the Minister of Railways to bring some sort of a suit and thus close the mouth of parliament? Mr. Speaker Higgins is simply making himself and the house over which he presides ridiculous when he professes to believe the rule is as he states it.

It is not the rule of the Colonist to impute motives to others and it will not do so now; but this it will say, that the hope of the opposition undoubtedly was that the government and its friends would take exactly the course which Mr. Higgins has taken. They believed they would have a fine card to go to the country with; that they would be able to say to the public that the libel suits were instituted for the purpose of preventing the discussion of the action of Messrs. Turner and Pooley. They have been saying this already. To their great surprise they find the Colonist foremost in contending for the right of the legislature to discuss the whole thing from beginning to end in the same manner as if the suits had never been brought. This was just what they did not expect, and apparently the most disappointed man of them all is the man in whom is vested the duty of preserving for the house the privilege of free discussion. So disappointed is he that he has taken the unprecedented course of deciding in advance a question upon which he may have to pronounce as the guardian of the privileges of the house. He does not know, and he cannot know, in what shape the question may come up. He has, therefore, taken the opportunity of declaring that the whole subject would be out of order. We repeat that this is a perfectly unique position for a Speaker of the legislature to occupy, and one that will not add to his usefulness or reputation.

We really think that the most extraordinary thing put on paper in a long time is the statement of the Times in regard to certain articles which have appeared in the Colonist on Sundays. It tells its readers that "it differs in toto from the Colonist on its premises, deductions and conclusions upon the subject." Two or three weeks ago the Times charged the Colonist with cribbing the articles out of a religious encyclopedia, whatever that may be. Now it has concluded to withhold its assent from them altogether. There have been fifty and more of such articles published. The premises have involved the presentation of the salient historical facts in regard to the seven great religious systems of the world, the chief of the recent discoveries in archaeology, the most striking of the Psalms and some of the most noteworthy sayings of Christ and His Apostles. The deductions and conclusions from the whole review have been that of all the religions that mankind has ever professed Christianity is the best, and that the best example of Christianity is to be found in a righteous life. The Times brushes all this aside and places upon such teaching the mark of its disapproval. This is carrying political partisanship a long way indeed.

The Post-Intelligencer keeps up its old tricks. Its latest is that the Colonist said editorially that the only places where Yukon mining licenses can be obtained are Victoria and Vancouver. What the Colonist said was that the only places on the Coast where they could be obtained were Victoria and Vancouver. This statement was perfectly true when made. Now Nanaimo must be added. The Seattle paper says the Colonist's statement is not true, because licenses can be obtained at Dawson City. When did Dawson City get out to the Coast?

The Times charges the Colonist with arguing that the conduct of Hon. Messrs. Turner and Pooley in accepting directorships in a mining company is not open for debate in the house. Mr. Higgins attacks it for saying that it is open for debate. Would it not be well for these people to agree as to what the Colonist has done before making any further exhibition of themselves?

Official Mining Maps at THE COLONIST

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

"I printed a kiss upon her lips."
 "It was a re-print, wasn't it?"
 "My pa made \$20,000 last year."
 "That's lothin'." My pa is in the legislature.

In the Barnyard—First Hen—What are those young bantams fighting about. Second Hen—Oh, they are disputing about the question, which is the mother of the chick—the hen that lays the egg or the incubator?

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Englishman—I have no time to waste fighting a duel.
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Mabel—I wonder what's come between Myrtle Seymour and Tom Sedgwick?
 Mildred—Oh, haven't you heard? He openly declares that he doesn't intend to get a chainless wheel.

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Dyer—Worse. She doesn't even exhibit him.

Miss Lonely—I have only one friend on earth—my dog.

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Clerk—Yes; he is in.

Customer—Where is he?

Clerk—In Canada.

Customer—Is the proprietor in.

Clerk—No; he's out.

Customer—How much.

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"

"I'm going a-biking, sir," she said.

"There is no bell on your wheel, though, my pretty maid."

"When I mount there will be one, sir," she said.

Mrs. Planet—Before we were married my husband and I used to sit and watch the stars for hours.

Friend—Yes? Mrs. Planet—Now he tells me that he cultivated a taste for astronomy in those days, and that he stays out late taking observations with several learned friends.

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Mr. Frank P. Slavin, who arrived in Victoria on Friday last from Dawson City, and who is considerably interested in Sulphur Creek and the tributary district, gives the following opinion in regard to Meadow Creek and its prospects. He writes the Colonist as follows:

"I am the last man to arrive here from Meadow Creek. My claims there are numbers 4, 5 and 6. I think it is one of the best creeks in those regions. It is called Meadow Creek because it is a flat meadow; that is a good thing there, because the flatter the creek the better pay dirt you get. I would not take any money for my claims till I prospect them. I think the creek as good as any there, El Dorado included. I will give \$50,000 each for numbers 18, 19 and 20 Sulphur. Meadow is a feeder of Sulphur, and 18, 19 and 20 are where Meadow empties into Sulphur. I believe M. H. Jones found coarse gold on number 7. I shall not be at all surprised to see these claims return \$1,000 to the foot."

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TWENTY-EIGHT indebted and retiring men from the naval forces at Esquimalt leave for England to-day, in charge of Lieut. Baird.

At 11 o'clock this morning, auctioneer George Byrnes is to sell the Ira Wilson residence and seventeen acres of cleared land fronting on Cadboro bay.

THE Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church, gave an interesting social last evening, of which an artistic musical programme was a conspicuous feature.

We're a' Jock Tamson's bairns at the Driard the night, Burns' Anniversary.

NINE Chinese who disobeyed the mandate of the city council and discharged New Year firecrackers on the streets, were yesterday fined \$5 each and \$2 costs, as a reminder that the law is made to be obeyed.

CHIEF WARD, of Vancouver, arrived over by Sunday evening's Charming and delivered into the custody of Superintendent Hanson, of the reformatory, the three lads who are to spend a term there for stealing COLONIST'S.

MR. JAMES PILLING, at the Burns anniversary concert on Wednesday evening, is to sing a new and tuneful little ballad by a local composer—"Papa, I love you." The air is pretty and dainty and the words appropriate.

SUBSCRIBERS of the Victoria & Esquimalt Telephone Co. have just received a new card corrected to the 20th instant. By this list of subscribers it appears that 470 of the company's telephones are now in use in Victoria and vicinity.

Come to the 35th annual St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society's banquet this night at the Driard Hotel.

IN connection with the approaching production of Giorza's Mass there will be a rehearsal in the Pioneer hall this evening for chorus, without orchestra, at 8 p.m., the practice of the orchestra taking place on Thursday evening next at 7:45, when the soloists are also requested to be present.

REV. MR. CEPRELL, the principal of Columbia college, New Westminster, who recently arrived from Woodstock, Ont., and who on Sunday preached to large and appreciated congregations at the Centennial Methodist church, lectured in the school room of that edifice last evening. He chose for his subject the "Possibilities of Mankind," and delivered a most eloquent address.

ARGUMENT in the Harris v. Dunsmuir appeal opened yesterday before the Full court. Plaintiff was granted \$19,000 at the trial before Mr. Justice Walkem and a jury for commission in connection with the proposed sale of certain coal lands. The Full court on appeal ordered a new trial, and this coming on before Mr. Justice McColl was decided in favor of the defendants. From this plaintiff is appealing. Mr. E. V. Bodwell and Mr. L. P. Duff for plaintiff (appellant); Hon. C. E. Pooley, Q.C., and Mr. Charles Wilson, Q.C., for defendant (respondent).

THE Easter term at the Collegiate school—Mr. J. W. Laing, M.A., principal—opened yesterday with every prospect of success. In addition to the valuable assistance in the higher forms of Rev. C. Ennor Sharp, M.A., the staff is increased by securing the services of Rev. W. W. Bolton, M.A., formerly head master of St. Paul's school, Esquimalt, who will give his undivided attention to the junior department. So strong a combination should appeal strongly to the residents of Victoria and result in excellent work.

Get some haggis great chieftain of the puddin race, the night at the Driard.

"DICK" STEGE IS DEAD.

An Open-Hearted Pioneer Well Known to the Miners of This Province.

The sad news comes to the COLONIST of the death, on January 17, in California, of "Dick" Stege, known to most of the old miners of Cariboo.

Stege was born in Bremen, Germany, in 1830, and at the age of 22 left the fatherland and emigrated to British Columbia. He travelled about the country prospecting, finally settling at Richfield, Cariboo, where he started the Richfield hotel, of which he was the proprietor for about a year, going then to Big Bend to engage in the same business at that place.

A couple of years later the Leach river gold excitement brought him to Victoria district, and he started a boarding house on the Leach river trail. He remained here until 1867, when upon Alaska being ceded to the United States, he left for Sitka, with a number of others who were leaving for that little city. He stayed there long enough to make a comfortable little fortune, after which he sold his hotel and embarked for California.

With his savings he bought a large farm on the outskirts of San Francisco, where he was married a few years ago. He leaves an only daughter to mourn the loss of one of the most energetic and at the same time openhearted gentlemen it was ever the good fortune of anyone to know.

THE Bishop will meet his Bible class as usual in the cathedral school this afternoon.

THE Cock o' the North on the bagpipes and the reading of an address to the Gordon Highlanders of Dargai fame at the Caledonian dinner this night.

ON Sunday last the C.P.R. Telegraph Company took possession of their new offices at the corner of Government street and Troncy avenue, very central and convenient quarters.

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THE mixed team of Rugby footballers from Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo won their match in Portland on Saturday, a telegram from the Webfoot City stating that the score stood one try to a duck's egg after a hard struggle.

THE city police commissioners met yesterday to consider the report of the Chief of Police recommending that, owing to the large number of strangers now in town and the crowds to come, it would be advisable to add to the strength of the police force. The commissioners decided to recommend to the city council to make provision in the civic estimates for six additional constables, in case they might be required. In view, too, of the valuable services rendered by Messrs. Perdue and Palmer, who have been acting detectives for some time past, it was decided to make the designation a permanent one and the city council are recommended to increase the pay of these two officers from the \$62.50 a month they are now receiving, to \$70 a month.

CAPTAIN RANT, the newly appointed gold commissioner and mining recorder, went North last night to take up his duties at Lake Bennett, that portion of the Northern district being within the jurisdiction of British Columbia. Chief Constable J. J. McKenna, of the provincial police, also goes to Lake Bennett, where he will be stationed with Constable Clifford Little, who has just been appointed to the provincial force. Chief Constable McKenna has proved himself one of the cleverest and most intelligent men on the provincial force, and his promotion to his new position, which is a difficult one requiring the exercise of great tact and distinction, is a recognition of his value as an officer.

THE AUSTRALIAN, late the Clarence hotel, recently leased by Mr. W. J. Partridge, formerly of Australia, will be thrown open to the public in a social way on Thursday evening next by the giving of a band concert, with a dance to follow. The band concert will be in front of the hotel at the corner of Yates and Douglas streets by Finn's band between the hours of 7:45 and 9 o'clock. They will also later on furnish the music for dancing. Mrs. McDonald, the manager of the dining room, will serve an excellent supper, for which a small charge will be made. The public are cordially invited to be present, and are promised a pleasant time.

MRS. PARTRIDGE, wife of Thomas Partridge, the city water collector, died yesterday morning after an illness of but two days. The deceased lady contracted blood poisoning while attending her husband who has been ill for some days. Mrs. Partridge, who had resided in Victoria for upwards of thirty years and was universally esteemed, was a native of North Walsham, Norfolk, England. Besides her husband, a family of five sons and three daughters survive her—John Partridge, Mrs. E. H. Hicocks, Mrs. W. G. Cameron, Frank Partridge, Minnie Partridge, Wm. Partridge and two sons not at present residents of this city. The funeral will take place on Wednesday at 2:15 from the residence at Quadra street and at 2:30 at St. John's church.

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Unless Provided With Provisions for a Year, No One May Enter the Territory.

The steamer City of Topeka reached Victoria yesterday morning on the last trip but one that she will make from the Sound to Alaska, as it is intended that when the new arrangements are made she will be put on the Portland-Alaska route. Of the forty passengers aboard, only two were from Dawson City, Messrs. F. E. G. Berry and George Barrack. They had left Dawson on the 14th of last month and consequently have no late news, for they travelled most of the way in company with passengers who arrived on the Seattle. Mr. Berry is an Englishman who for some time past has been living in Seattle; he went to the Klondike last spring as representative of the London Mercantile Association. He has been successful in picking up some properties on Bonanza and Eldorado creeks, and is now on his way to England in connection with his company, intending to be back again on his way to the Yukon before the Northern ice breaks in the spring.

Mr. Berry believes that one mail has by this time reached Dawson, as he and Mr. Barrack on December 28 passed Mr. Piche on his way in with mails, a day's travel this side of Pelly, or about 210 miles from Dawson. Then the 1,000 pounds of mail at Major Walsh's camp on Little Salmon should be in Dawson by the end of this month as the Administrator was only waiting for eight dog teams which Messrs. Berry and Barrack met at Labarge. On the 13th of January Mr. McGregor, the mining superintendent, was met at White Horse with more mail for Dawson.

While provisions will be short before the opening of navigation in the spring, Mr. Berry and Mr. Barrack agree that the greatest trouble will be among the people camped along the river both above and below Dawson. Mr. Berry states definitely that Major Walsh, exercising his powers as administrator, has issued an order that no one shall be allowed to pass the customs posts and enter the Yukon district unless possessing a year's supplies. This order is to be rigidly enforced, and both the newly arrived Dawsonians say it should have the hearty approval of everyone who knows the hardships of the country.

"People seem to imagine that when they reach Dawson their troubles are over," said Mr. Berry, "but I can assure you they only then begin. Don't misunderstand me, I am not running down the Yukon; for, on the contrary, I consider it a splendid country, with great riches in quartz mines as well as the placer; but the country is a very rough and difficult one to travel over, and one has to endure the greatest hardships in prospecting. Consequently, only those who are well supplied can hope to do well."

Among the other passengers on the Topeka was Mr. Edwin Goodall, head of the big San Francisco firm of Goodall, Perkins & Co., who are general agents for the Pacific Coast Steamship Co. He was accompanied by Mrs. Goodall, and visited Dyea and Skagway to see for himself the condition of affairs. Mr. Goodall stated yesterday that the company will operate a fleet of five steamers from the Sound and Victoria to the North, and a fleet of three on the Portland-Alaska route. The Sound fleet will consist of the Queen, Alki, Cottage City, Curacao and Victorian; while from Portland will run the Geo. W. Elder, Oregon and City of Topeka. After her next trip the Topeka will change to the Portland run, and the Corona go back to her former route between San Francisco and San Diego. Captain Wallace, of the Topeka, will take command of the Queen.

Oscar Meyer, president of the Dyea-Klondike Transportation Co., was on the Topeka on his way back to Portland after having inspected the work the company is doing at Dyea and their tramway. The wharf is now ready and should nothing occur the portion of the aerial tramway over the summit will be in operation early next month.

On January 13, according to the Alaska Miner, a man named Lopez started with a team of dogs over the summit of the White Pass. Here a blizzard struck him and he became too exhausted to proceed. Here he was found by some men who built him a snow house and started out for help. Lopez feeling better, however, started off again on his journey. The unfortunate man was found insensible and frozen near the lakes, and was put on a sleigh and taken back to Skagway, where he died.

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COUNCIL GET TO WORK.

A Grist of Business Polished off by the New Board of Aldermen.

Recommendation to Make Provision for More Police Laid on the Table.

The new city council got down to work last night and got through a good deal of business, a great many resolutions, of which notice had been given, being disposed of.

There was a little discussion on a communication from the police commissioners recommending that provision be made in the estimates for six additional constables, should they be needed. This report also favored raising the pay of detectives Perdue and Palmer to \$70 a month.

Ald. Humphrey, while willing to have specials engaged if necessary, was averse to increasing the permanent force, and Ald. Humber believed that it would be time enough to get more constables when the hard cases came here from other places.

Ald. McCandless thought the report should have the endorsement of the whole board, for one of the first things to do was to look well after the safety of the city. He was perfectly willing to leave the matter to the discretion of the commissioners.

Ald. Williams remarked that the mayor already had power to swear in specials in an emergency, and under those circumstances he moved that the report lie on the table until there arose a necessity for appointing more policemen.

The mayor explained that while the commissioners had full power to put on all the men they needed, they had brought in the recommendation so that the commissioners and council might act in harmony, for the commissioners had felt sure that they would have the support of the aldermen.

Ald. McCandless and Hall, in amendment to Ald. Williams' motion, wanted the report adopted, but the amendment was lost and the report was tabled.

A request from Rev. A. B. Winchester on behalf of the Children's Aid Society, asking for the use of a couple of unused rooms in the market building in connection with their work among the waifs, was left in the Mayor's hands.

The usual allowance of five cents a foot was allowed for the permanent sidewalk round the new post office and for the sidewalk in front of the new Colonist building, and George Noot's request for a sidewalk on the south side of Pembroke street was referred to the street committee to report, as was also Mr. S. Jones' request for a crossing opposite the Dominion hotel.

L. Goodacre wanted his verandah exempted from the by-law requiring verandahs in the fire limits to be removed, but his letter was filed.

W. P. Winesby's request for an increase in his percentage for collecting revenue and dog tax was laid on the table.

There were four tenders for printing the annual reports: T. R. Cusack, \$1.10 per page; H. P. McDowell, \$1.20 per page; Province Publishing Co., \$1.90 per page; and Greenwood, Smith & Randolph, \$1.50 per page. The contract will be awarded to T. R. Cusack, provided he puts up a \$25 deposit to have his contract completed on time.

In the finance committee's report Ald. Williams opposed the passing of items aggregating \$5,000 for law costs and security in the bridge suits because though he had no reason to doubt the amount was correct, there should be maintained a certificate attached from the court registrar.

The report, however, was carried as it stood.

In their first report the streets committee reported adversely to allowing Mr. Malpas' claim for \$10 for medical services in regard to an alleged accident by reason of a defective sidewalk. The report favored a six foot new sidewalk on Pemberton street at a cost of \$342; the purchase of a gravel roller at a cost of \$35; the purchase of a cart horse, the laying of a sidewalk on Fort street, between Vancouver and Cook streets, and two wooden block crossings on Government street, at the corner of Yates, to cost \$150. This was adopted.

Next came a batch of resolutions, some of a formal character that went through without discussion, and others which showed a decided divergence of views among the aldermen.

On motion of Ald. Kinsman the assessor was instructed to begin the assessment roll at once and complete it by May 5; and Ald. McCandless' motion to provide for the payment of civic salaries till the estimates passed was carried.

Ald. Humphrey, seconded by Ald. McCandless, asked for an estimate for a pile bridge across Rock Bay between Bay street and Work street.

The mover did not want any more money wasted on Rock Bay bridge, and Ald. McCandless and Humber spoke favoring the motion.

Ald. Williams suggested that an estimate of the same work was made a couple of years ago and might be used.

The motion was carried.

Ald. Humphrey, though he admitted it might be a year before any work might be undertaken, wished to ask the Dominion government to allow a permanent roadway to replace James Bay bridge.

Ald. Phillips thought the city should wait first to see whether the Dominion would insist on a permanent bridge replacing the pile structure at Point Ellice.

Ald. Williams supported Ald. Humphrey, and hoped the motion might lead to a permanent roadway across James Bay at a much less cost than the former plans provided for.

Ald. Hall, too, favored the motion, but Ald. Humber believed that the ratepayers would vote down any by-law to raise money for a permanent way.

The motion carried.

Ald. Williams met with general opposition when he moved that the Dominion government be notified to assume the cost of the leper station or else that the city do away with the station altogether. He quoted the example of New York, where the station was done away with, and of San Francisco, where lepers ran at large. He took the Dominion government to task for refusing to bear a por-

tion of the expense of the Darcey Island lazaretto.

The majority of the aldermen, while quite in favor of urging on the Dominion the necessity of bearing at least a portion of the expense of the lazaretto, were averse to threatening to turn the lepers loose and the motion was lost, Ald. Williams, Humber and Ald. Kinsman voting for it and Ald. McCandless, Hall, Humphrey, Phillips and McGregor and the Mayor voting against it.

Ald. Williams, seconded by Ald. McGregor, moved that a special committee be appointed to investigate the statement made by the former city carpenter Cox in his evidence in the bridge suits in regard to his boring holes in the timbers.

The mover explained that there were witnesses for the city ready to contradict Mr. Cox at the trial, but through some mismanagement they had not been called.

Ald. Phillips could not see the good of this, especially as the city's legal adviser had not recommended the motion.

Ald. McCandless remarked that it was very true what Ald. Williams had said about there having been city witnesses present at the trial who were not called upon to testify, but it was not the fault of the city's legal advisers that they did not. He failed, however, to see what good the investigation would do.

Ald. Humphrey spoke against the motion.

Ald. Williams said it was sheer mismanagement that the witnesses were not called.

The Mayor took exception to this and said he must ask Ald. Williams not to say that the city's legal advisers had mismanaged the matter.

The resolution was lost, Ald. Williams alone voting for it.

The annual loan bylaw passed through its various stages and the council then adjourned.

ARE YOU TO LIVE IN ALASKA?

Some Requirements that will be Found Indispensable.

The universal article of diet in that country, depended upon and indispensable, is bread or biscuit. And to make the bread and biscuit, either in the camp or upon the trail, yeast cannot be used—it must be baking powder; and the powder manufactured by the processes of the Royal Baking Powder Company, miners and prospectors have learned, is the only one which will stand in that peculiar climate of cold and dampness and raise the bread and biscuit satisfactory.

These facts are very important for every one proposing to go to Alaska and the Yukon country to know, for should he be persuaded by some outfitter to take one of the cheap brands of baking powder, it will cost just as much to transport it, and then when he opens it for use, after all his labor in packing it over the long and difficult route, he will find a solid caked mass or a lot of spoiled powder, with no strength and useless. Such a mistake might lead to the most serious results. Alaska is no place in which to experiment in food, or try to economize with your stomach. For use in such a climate, and under the trying and fatiguing conditions of life and labor in that country, everything must be the best and most useful, and above all it is imperative that all food supplies shall have perfect keeping qualities. It is absurd to convey over such difficult and expensive routes an article that will deteriorate in transit, or will be found when required for use to have lost a great part of its value.

There is no better guide to follow in these matters than the advice of those who have gone through similar experience. Mr. McQueston, who is called the father of Alaska, after an experience of years upon the trail, in the camp, and in the use of every kind of supply, says: "I have found in Alaska that the importance of a proper kind of baking powder cannot be overestimated. A miner with a can of bad baking powder is almost helpless in Alaska. We have tried all sorts, and have been obliged to settle down to use nothing but the Royal. It is stronger and carries further at first, but above all things, it is the only powder that will endure the severe climatic changes of the arctic region."

It is for the same reasons that the U. S. Government in its relief expeditions, and Peary, the famous arctic explorer, have carried the Royal Baking Powder exclusively.

The Royal Baking Powder will not cake nor lose its strength either on board ship or in damp climates, and is the most highly concentrated and efficient of leavening agents. Hence it is indispensable to every Alaskan outfit. It can be had of any of the trading companies in Alaska, but should the miner procure his supplies before leaving, he should resist every attempt of the outfitter to palm off upon him any of the other brands of baking powder, for they will spoil and prove the cause of great disappointment and trouble.

PERSONAL.

Thomas and Mrs. McNeely returned from California by the direct steamer yesterday morning.

F. S. Reynolds, of Ashcroft, and Alexander Ewen, of Westminster, are guests at the Hotel Diarr.

E. J. Palmer, of the V. & S. Manufacturing Co., Chemainus, returned from the Sound by the Kingston yesterday.

A. V. and H. M. Lely, of London, Eng., are in Victoria taking in the province and its resources and registered at the Victoria.

Postmaster Miller, of Vancouver, and Captain Gibson, of Chemainus, are guests of the Hotel Victoria. The former is en route to California.

Flag Lieutenant Crawley leaves for England to-day via New York; having been transferred from H.M.S. Imperieuse to some other of the fleet.

J. R. Anderson, deputy minister, and R. M. Palmer, inspector, of the department of agriculture, have returned from attending the farmers' convention on the Fraser.

David E. Aver and E. Cameron, of Oakland; and H. Smithers, F. J. Owens and Miss Earle, of San Francisco, form a party of Californians arriving in the city yesterday and making their home at the Dallas.

Among the guests at the Victoria are: Messrs. Geo. Brown, of Alberni; H. J. Brace, of Chicago; Evans, of Portland; G. H. Hathaway, of Seattle; Todd Lees and F. S. Timberlake, of Vancouver; Capt. W. E. Holmes, of San Francisco; J. A. Fairbourn, of Montreal; the Misses Boreas, Harry Osgood and Arthur Cornwall.

Read Ayer's Almanac, which your druggist will gladly hand you, and note the wonderful cures for rheumatism, catarrh, scrofula, dyspepsia, eczema, debility, humors, and sores, by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the only Sarsaparilla admitted at the World's Fair.

Blankets, Arctic Sox, Mitts, Scotch Underwear, Mackinaws. W. & J. Wilson.

NORTH BOUND MINERS

Two of the Victoria Fleet Get Away Filled to Their Limit With Passengers.

Many More Americans Who Wisely Outfitted Here—An Advance in Wages.

There was no little rush and excitement attending the loading of the C.P.N. steamers Willapa and Tees for Northern ports yesterday. Both vessels sailed late last night, their decks piled high with freight and their cabins well taken up with passengers whose numbers, to the full capacity of the steamers are to be augmented at Vancouver and Nanaimo. At these two places horses and other cargo also will be taken on. The Willapa's passenger license limits her to the handling of an even hundred, and by the time she gets away from Nanaimo that limit will have been reached.

At the last named place thirty gold seekers will embark, while at Vancouver the contingent taken on will include a party of Northwest Mounted Policemen, who will take with them a number of horses. Provision has been made between the steamer's decks for the stalling of 28 horses, and there is accommodation for a large number of dogs and a great amount of merchandise.

On the forward deck was piled for Dyea and Skagway 250 bales of hay, freight owing to its bulky nature the steamers have no particular desire to receive.

On the Tees, which lay immediately astern of the Willapa, at Turner, Beeton & Co.'s wharves, a similar scene was presented, only that that vessel had not as much hay to pack away. Her load consisted chiefly of 60,000 feet of lumber to be used for building purposes at Skagway and Dyea; 25 head of horses and 45 dogs being brought north by different mining parties, and a vast amount of miscellaneous cargo. As if to enliven matters around the steamers the firemen of each early in the day went on strike for higher wages. They were receiving \$10 a month, but in the hurry and confusion of the day they asked for more and got it, their monthly stipends being raised to \$50. Encouraged by this, the deck hands, who have been earning \$35 a month, made a similar demand and would not sign papers for the voyage until their wages were increased \$5 a month. In the meantime longshoremen were secured in their places, and for the greater part of the day they stood idly around on the wharf feeling assured that their demands would be granted owing to the apparent shortage of labor. Rather than delay the sailing of the steamers the men were guaranteed the wages asked, and returned to work quite satisfied.

The passengers booked to sail from Victoria on the two steamers up till a late hour yesterday were as follows: To Skagway—Ben Williams, C. W. McKay and wife, T. Hood, R. C. Jones, George Toms, E. Burton, F. Sullivan, H. Phillips, W. W. Bragg, J. Mason, J. Hume, T. L. M. Smith, H. Benson, F. J. Bedford, John Yorst, G. Carter, C. A. Murdoch, S. Murchison, J. McMahon, T. L. Angerine, R. Fraser, A. J. Lawrence, G. W. Coons, F. Redmond, J. D. DeBond, S. Miles and wife, J. Meskel, H. H. Hamelin, J. N. Homer, G. H. Barlow, G. H. D. Wall, J. R. Fenton, Sam Goss, J. Lyons, J. Lachlan, A. Dales, G. Mowatt, W. Lee, G. Bassett, H. Campbell, C. Hooker, H. Simpson, A. Murchison, E. Carnison, J. Blonquist, G. Jacobsen, J. Hilden, A. Hilden, W. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. McGargie, Joe Frew, Mr. Dixon, J. A. Dixon, A. M. Kelvie, L. Stanway, Officer McKenna, Capt. Rant, Constable Little and eleven members of the Northwest Mounted Police.

To Wrangell—J. Johnson, J. E. Nordham, A. H. Onleson, C. Ohleson, C. Beggs, E. Venables, J. Johnson, J. G. Grant.

Of the above list more than half happen to be Americans and a remarkable fact is that many come from Seattle. Geo. Bassett, whose name appears in the foregoing list, is one of those who arrived from Dawson City about a month ago, having sold out his outfit there at a handsome price and come to the coast for a second supply. He is now returning with Jack Steele, J. Campbell, Geo. Rose and Hugh Simpson. The party are taking in between 15 and 18 tons of supplies, every pound of which is Canadian goods, bought from Canadian houses. Geo. Mowatt, Jos. Lyons, Arthur Dakie, Jos. Latham, William and Willie Lee and Joe Wood form a party of Victorians aboard the Tees. They are now going to Skagway, from which point they will strike out, but in exactly what direction they at present cannot state. The San Francisco party composed of Fred. Hood, R. C. Jones, Geo. Towns, W. Sullivan, Ed. Bragg, and W. Phillips have already been referred to in the party being bound for the Pelly river via the Stikine with an \$1,800 outfit bought in Victoria. In conversation down at the steamer last evening they expressed their surprise at Victoria not doing more advertising than she does, considering her advantages over all other cities as an outfitting point. "Why, they said, 'these towns over the line (referring to Seattle and San Francisco) are sending special cars all through the East advertising them, and promoting their interests in other ways."

A party from Kootenay, formed by H. McKay, W. C. McKay, W. McKay, C. Stevenson and Miss McKay, are going to Lake Bennett to start a hotel at its southern end. They take oxen with them, with which to do their packing over the mountains back of Dyea. Among other parties on board are Thomas Fitzgerald and C. V. R. Schuller, of Seattle, who are going to Skagway with a couple of span of horses, the Shirley Brothers, of Seattle, who are going to Wrangell, and Officer McKenna, of the provincial police force, who with Capt. Rant, stipendiary magistrate, Constable Little and another officer is going to Lake Bennett to establish a police station at that point.

The Tees will be commanded by Capt. Gosse, who will have as pilot Capt. La Blanche, and Capt. Townsend, formerly master of the sealing schooner C. D. Rand, as mate.

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Because their excellence starts from the beginning—the paper is the toughest and strongest of Manila. Because there is no skimping in material—our bags are generous in size. Because their good finish and appearance are apparent. It costs no more to get this make

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MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH COWICHAN,

BALANCE SHEET FOR 1897.

D.A.	CR.
To Arrears of taxes collected in 1897. \$318 18	By bills for 1896 paid in 1897 \$382 57
Real estate taxes. 1,824 91	" Roads. 1,415 00
" Licenses. 545 00	" Clerk's salary and commission. 244 02
" Road tax. 364 00	" Road inspector. 131 75
" Dog tax. 20 30	" Health and fire inspector. 26 06
" Sundry accounts. 48 20	" Indemnities and allowances. 124 75
Balance in hand January 1, 1897. 255 84	" Advertising stationery and postage. 88 92
	" Duncan streets. 216 60
	" Repairs and travelling. 207 50
	" Inquests. 37 40
	" Sundry accounts. 106 40
	" Building and land account. 116 17
	" Blue Jay bonus account. 5 20
	" Chemainus streets. 168 00
	" Donations. 10 00
	Balance. 129 79
	\$3,375 46

Amount spent on Roads, Streets, Bridges and inspection of same \$2,187.75. (See items above.)

ASSETS	LIABILITIES
Taxes in arrears. \$622 31	Unpaid bills. \$304 57
Cash in hand. 135 79	
Balance partly unrealized. \$553 18	

Amount spent on Roads, Streets, Bridges and inspection of same \$2,187.75. (See items above.)

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

RESULTED IN A DRAW.

The championship series of games between teams representing Cowichan and Northfield, played at the latter place on Saturday, resulted in a draw, after a very close match.

JUNIOR CUP SERIES.

On Saturday at Beacon Hill the fifth match in the junior cup series was played between Central School and North Ward, the latter team winning with a score of 1 to nil. Their next game will be played between Victoria West and No. 2 Company, Boys' Brigade, at Beacon Hill on Saturday next, commencing at 1:30 so as not to conflict with the Columbia College match in the intermediate series.

CRICKET.

The big cricket match, England v. Australia, which was started last week in Adelaide, Victoria, and in which much local interest is being taken, resulted in the Australians scoring 573 runs in the first innings against England's 278. In the second innings England captured 161 runs at a cost of four wickets. Previous to this match each side had one victory to its credit, and hence the wide interest being taken in it.

BASKET BALL.

WASPS V. NO. 3 CO.

The next game in the championship series will be played at the Y.M.C.A. basket ball hall, Fort street, this evening at 8 o'clock, between the Wasps and No. 3 Company. These teams met for the first time, No. 3 going in with the avowed intention of defeating the hitherto victorious Wasps, and they in their turn being determined to maintain their record unbroken. Play will commence on time. The Wasps team will be the same as formerly.

THE CITY.

The Trades and Labor Council transacted only routine business last evening, the election of officers being deferred. The latest trade to organize a union and affiliate is the boiler-makers', particularly strong in Victoria.

YESTERDAY'S C.P.R. bulletin announced the arrival of the American liner St. Louis at New York from Southampton at 8 o'clock on Saturday morning. At the same hour the Cunard liner Campania reached New York from Liverpool.

The members of Victoria West Hose Company are to entertain their friends at a social dance at Semple's hall on Thursday week. The young men of the brigade possess an enviable reputation as enjoyment providers which they will do their utmost on this occasion to maintain.

The Northern Pacific steamship Braemar, which left Yokohama on the 8th instant, reached William Head at 8 o'clock last night with a clean bill of health. She will berth at the on wharf at 8 this morning, and after landing Victoria freight and passengers proceed to the Sound.

The Victoria Choral Union have been practising steadily for several months past, and will give the first concert of their second season, under the leadership of Mr. Wm. Greig, on Wednesday, February 2, at the Institute hall. The programme has been carefully selected from the finest works of Handel, Rossini, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Haydn, Gounod and Sullivan.

MAUD LORD, the woman who was fined by the police magistrate a few days ago, for keeping two houses of ill-fame near the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, was reported last night to be at the point of death, owing to the effect of a heavy dose of chloroform. Drs. J. D. Helmcken and Geo. Duncan attended her, and the latter in reference to a rumor in circulation said that there was nothing to lead him to believe that the woman had intentionally poisoned herself. She was still alive at the time of going to press, but her death was hourly expected. When the complaint against her houses was before the magistrate the other day it was intimated that unless they were closed she would be imprisoned without the option of a fine, and Maud Lord is reported to have been greatly depressed by the circumstances.

WALTER MUNRO, one of the most versatile and successful theatrical men in the West, spent yesterday in the city.

He is now piloting "Ole Olson" through the Northwest and just to show Victorians and the steamship company that you can't keep a good man down, he has cancelled his Tacoma date in order to let Ole, in the person of Ben Kendrick, renew acquaintance with Victorians next Tuesday evening.

If sick headache is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills if they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly of their worth. They are small and easy to take.

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Possesses the following Distinctive Merits:

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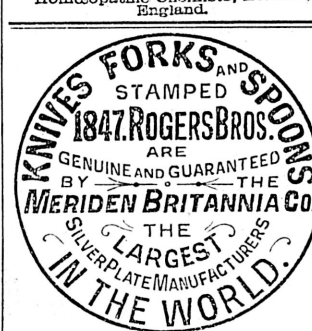
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In all the world today—in all the history of the world—no doctor nor institution has treated and restored so many men as has the famed ERIC MEDICAL CO. of Buffalo, N.Y.

This is due to the fact that the company controls some inventions and discoveries which have no equal in the whole realm of medical science.

They restore or create strength, vigor, healthy tissue and new life. They quickly stop drains on the system that sap the energy.

They cure nervousness, despondency and all the effects of evil habits, excesses, overwork, etc. They give full strength, development and tone to every portion and organ of the body.

Failure is impossible and age is no barrier. This "Trial without Expense" offer is limited by the company to a short time, and application must be made at once.

No C.O.D. scheme, no bogus philanthropy nor deception, no exposure—a clean business proposition by a company of high financial and professional standing.

Write to the ERIC MEDICAL COMPANY, BUFFALO, N.Y., and refer to seeing the account of their offer in this paper.

So much deception has been practiced in advertising that this grand old company now for the first time makes this startling offer:— They will send their costly and magically effective appliance and a whole month's course of restorative remedies, positively on trial without expense to any honest and reliable man! Not a dollar need be advanced—not a penny paid—until results are known to and acknowledged by the patient.

The Eric Medical Company's appliances and remedies have been talked about and written about all over the world, till every man has heard of them.

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To and From all European Ports.

FROM PORTLAND, ME.	
Allan Line. California. Feb. 17	
Dominion Line. Laurentian. Feb. 23	
..... Labrador. Feb. 26	
FROM ST. JOHN.	
Beaver Line. Gallia. Feb. 16	
..... Lake Winnipeg. Feb. 23	
FROM NEW YORK.	
Onward Line. Etruria. Feb. 19	
American Line. Campania. Feb. 26	
White Star Line. St. Paul. Feb. 23	
..... New York. Feb. 23	
Red Star Line. Majestic. Feb. 23	
Anchor Line. Westerland. Feb. 16	
..... Berlin. Feb. 23	
North Ger. Lloyd. Jahn. Feb. 23	
Allan State Line. Bardonia. Feb. 17	
..... State of Nebraska. Feb. 24	

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Leave.	Spokane	Arrive.
7:00 P.M.	Spokane	7:00 p.m.
10:30 A.M.	Rosland	3:20 p.m.
9:00 A.M.	Nelson	5:20 p.m.

Close connections at Nelson with steamer for Kaslo and all Kootenay Lake Ports.

Passengers for Kootenay River and Boundary Creek connect at Marcus with stage daily.

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"TARTAR"

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Will sail for Victoria and
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DISABILITIES

Do you feel more tired in the morning
than on going to bed? Do you have mel-
ancholy spells, poor memory, shy, despond-
ent, want to be left alone, irritable? If you
do feel so you suffer from Nervous Debility.
If you are treated now you can be cured.
If you wait you may wait a little too long.
Many who wait become nervous wrecks.
Don't you wait. The sure, speedy cure is
the GREAT

"HUDYAN"

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LOST MANHOOD.
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Call or write for

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MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

ADMIRAL'S HOUSE TAX.

The undersigned is
now ready to refund the
above tax.

Tax receipts MUST
be produced.

CHAS. KENT,
Treasurer.

NOTICE. STEIN & MEIKLE

Chartered Accountants
and Auditors.
Have opened an office at
Bank of Montreal Chambers.

NOTICE.

Government Street, between
Courtney and Johnson Streets, is
closed to traffic.

E. A. WILMOT,
City Engineer.

NOTICE

Residents of Victoria having books
for binding will find it to their ad-
vantage to call at or write to "The
Colonist," Binding done at Eastern
prices. Work guaranteed satisfac-
tory in every respect.

NOTICE.

The pumps of the late Excelsior Brewing Co.
are now the property of the Victoria Phoenix
Brewing Co., Ltd. Those pumps were by
power contained in the chattel mortgage given
to me, my property, and not H. Kurth, the
would-be owner and salesman.
de-12 H. SIEBENBATH.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Electoral Districts of Victoria City, South
Victoria and Esquimalt, and the Land
Districts, of Rupert, Sayward, Quatsino
Coast, Queen Charlotte Islands, North
Saanich, and parts of Barclay and Clayo-
quot.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with
the Statutes, that Revenue Tax and all taxes
levied under the "Assessment Act" are now
due for the year 1898. Assessed taxes are col-
lectible at the following rates, viz:

If paid on or before June, 1898:—
Three-fifths of one per cent. on real property.
Two and one-half per cent. on assessed value
of wild land.
One-half of one per cent. on personal prop-
erty.

On so much of the income of any person as
exceeds one thousand dollars the following
rates, namely, upon such excess of income,
when the same is not more than ten thousand
dollars, one per cent.; when such excess is over
ten thousand dollars, and not more than twenty
thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one
per cent.; when such excess is over twenty
thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per
cent.

If paid on or after the 1st July, 1898.
Four-fifths of one per cent. on real property.
Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild
land.
Three-fourths of one per cent. on personal prop-
erty.

On so much of the income of any person as
exceeds one thousand dollars the following
rates, namely, upon such excess of income,
when the same is not more than ten thousand
dollars, one per cent.; when such excess is over
ten thousand dollars, and not more than twenty
thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one
per cent.; when such excess is over twenty
thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per
cent.

Revenue Tax, \$3.00 per capita (Victoria City
excepted).
Victoria, B. C., January 6th, 1898.
C. BOOTH,
Assessor and Collector.



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United
Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,
Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., do hereby
declare that the members elected to serve in
the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of
British Columbia at Our City of Victoria—
GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

A. G. Smith
Attorney-General.
WHEREAS We are desir-
ous and resolved, as
soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our
Province of British Columbia, and to have their
advice in Our Legislature;

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and
considerations, and taking into consideration the
ease and convenience of Our loving subjects,
We have thought fit, by and with the advice of
Our Executive Council of the Province of Brit-
ish Columbia, to hereby convene, and by these
presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on
Thursday, the tenth day of the month of Febru-
ary, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-
eight, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or
Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of
Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS,
to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things
which in Our Legislature of the Province of
British Columbia, by the Common Council of
Our said Province may, by the favor of God, be
ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused
these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the
Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto
affixed. WITNESS, the Honour-
able Thomas R. McInnes, Lieutenant-Governor
of Our said Province of British Colum-
bia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said
Province, this 20th day of December, in the
year of Our Lord one thousand eight hun-
dred and ninety-seven and in the sixty-
first year of Our Reign.
By command, JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

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days after recording the claim with the Govern-
ment, and a duplicate of the record to be filed
in the Company's Land Office, on pay-
ment of the first instalment. The balance of
the purchase money to be paid in two equal in-
stalments, at the expiration of six and twelve
months without interest. Present holders of
mineral claims who have not previously made
other arrangements with the Company for
acquiring surface and mineral rights, are
hereby notified to do so, or make the first pay-
ment of their claims, as otherwise they will be
deemed and treated as trespassers.

LEONARD H. HOLLY,
Land Commissioner. jcs

Victoria, B.C., June 1st, 1897.

No. 11-97.

Certificate of the Registration of an Extra-

Provincial Company.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

"Star Exploring and Mining Company."

Registered the 13th day of December, 1897.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day
registered the "Star Exploring and Mining
Company" as an Extra-Provincial Company
under the "Companies Act, 1897".
The head office of the Company is situated in
the City of Victoria, British Columbia, U.S.A.
The amount of the capital of the Company is
\$50,000, divided into shares of the par value of
\$1 each.

The head office of the Company in this Prov-
ince is situated in Victoria, and E. E. Wootton,
Barrister and Solicitor, whose address is the same,
is the attorney for the Company.
The time of the existence of the Company is
five years.

The objects for which the Company has been
established and registered are: Mining, leasing,
buying or selling mineral lands or mining prop-
erty, buying or selling mineral ores, and
mining materials, and the working and op-
erating of mines and the reducing or smelting of
ores, and the doing of all that may be necessary
to carry out mining business.

Given under my hand and seal of office at
Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this
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E. E. WOOTTON,
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AD CATACUMBAS.
BY A BANKER.
Beneath the surface of that great city
which sits on seven hills, a city
which at one time was the seat of the
most extravagant and wanton luxury,
and the scene of almost the severest and
most terrible persecutions ever enacted
on this earth—Rome, once the capital
of the nations, and the mistress of the
world—lies a vast necropolis, six hun-
dred acres in extent, honeycombed with
dark dreary labyrinth and confused dis-
mal ramifications perhaps hundreds of
miles in length (one estimate, which
must, however, be very greatly exagger-
ated, places the aggregate length of these
passages at more than five hundred
miles), placed tier upon tier, corridor
upon corridor, a veritable maze which it
would be impossible to map out, and
which no one man has ever explored.
The traveller upon entering these cata-
combs (formerly termed "ad catacumbas")
is confronted immediately with a
vast pile of skulls and bones, comprising
all that remains of over two thousand
victims of a devastating plague which
occurred in the sixteenth century, which
in the semi-darkness presents a weird and
ghastly spectacle, and even now a noi-
some odor appears to emanate from the
baneful mass. Proceeding down the nar-
row passages the darkness now rapidly
becomes intense; now and again, how-
ever, an aperture for air (in the upper
galleries) somewhat softening the horror
of this channel house of centuries. On
each side of the galleries we see exca-
vated hollows one above another, in
which repose the remains of vast
multitudes of dead. Roman pa-
gans, in some cases, on one side,
Christian martyrs on the other, the
former bearing inscriptions indicating
anger at the removal by death of wife or
husband, such as "I, Procopius, lift up
my hands against the gods who snatched
me away innocent. She lived twenty
years. Procopius set this up," or, "Oh
relentless fortune who delightest in
cruel death, why is Maximus so sud-
denly snatched from me?" The Christian
inscriptions bear an altogether differ-
ent character, and breathe an all-pervad-
ing spirit of resignation, rest, and above
all, of peace: "Valeria sleeps in peace,"
"Petronia, a deacon's wife, the type of
modesty. In this place I lay my bones;
spare your tears, dear husband and
daughters, and believe that it is forbid-
den to weep for one who lives in God.
Buried in peace on the third before the
nones of October in the consulate of
Festus." "Laurence to his sweetest
son Severus. Borne away by angels on
the seventh before the ides of January."
"Gemele sleeps in peace." "Cen-
stantia buried in peace on the Lord's
Day, the sixth before the kalends of
July in the fifth consulate of Honorius
Augustus. In peace." Requiescit in
peace. He rests in peace," (not "re-
quiescit in pace," the modern formula, as
prayers for the dead were unknown in
those early days of Christianity). The
whole moral atmosphere of this great
resting place of the early Christian con-
vers and martyrs is redolent with the
one idea of Peace. The work Pax, or
"In Peace," abounds at every turn; for
these sainted martyrs appeared to en-
ertain not the faintest shadow of a
doubt as to the certainty of their im-
mediate deliverance from trouble and
from pain, and their sure entry into a
heavenly rest.
As the traveller continues to thread
these dark and sinuous passages, he
passes occasionally the entrance to a
dark excavated cavern. Here, during
the terrible persecutions, were held the
religious services of those devoted early
Christians; here on the Lord's Day these
faithful followers of a crucified Master
secretly assembled after the shades of
darkness had fallen, to worship Him
whom they loved and adored, and for
whom they were willing, if need be, to
suffer and to die. And here too, some-
times, the Roman soldiery, craftily
tracking them down, fell upon them in
their heathen rage, and put men, wo-
men and children to the sword,
thereby adding their honored names
to the long roll of the noble
army of martyrs who now wear the
golden crown, and bear the palm of
victory, reaping a glorious reward for
their pain and suffering. But though
they were fully aware that they might
never emerge alive from these rude
places of worship, yet they were willing
to risk dear life itself in their desire to
honor their Master by assembling to
worship Him and to sing His praises.
But how many of us would attend
church or chapel if we thought there
was a risk of being slaughtered by a
savage soldiery? A wet day is often a
sufficient deterrent; the possibility of a
fatal sword-thrust, however, would be
more than most of us would care to risk.
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the life fading out of his wife's face, sees
her health going, sees her becoming old and
faded and wrinkled when she should still
be in the perfect enjoyment of vigorous,
useful health, is either less than a man or
else does not know of the one remedy which
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Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

Time	Temp	Mean	Direction
1 a.m.	34°	32°	5 a.m.—12 N.
5 a.m.	32°	32°	1 p.m.—4 N.E.
9 a.m.	32°	32°	9 p.m.—4 N.
1 p.m.	35°	32°	Rain—0.00.
5 p.m.	33°	32°	Sunshine—7h. 54m.
9 p.m.	28°	32°	

Barometer 9 a.m. ... {Observed 30.320
Reduced 30.314

ESQUIMALT STATION, Jan. 24, 1898.
Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

Time	Temp	Mean	Direction
1 a.m.	30°	31°	5 a.m.—Calm.
5 a.m.	30°	31°	1 p.m.—Calm.
9 a.m.	30°	31°	9 p.m.—Calm.
1 p.m.	34°	32°	
5 p.m.	32°	32°	Melted Snow—31
9 p.m.	32°	32°	No Sunshine.

Barometer 9 a.m. ... {Observed 30.154
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PATRIDGE—At the family residence, 113 Quadra street, on the 24th inst., Eliza, the beloved wife of Mr. Thomas John Partridge, a native of North Wales, Norfolk England, in the 71st year of her age.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday, at 2:15 p.m. from the residence as above, and at St. John's Church at 2:30 o'clock. Friends will please accept this intimation.

FOR MONUMENTS, SEE **T. Brodby,**
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PERSONAL.

J. D. Graham is down from the Interior.
H. B. McLennan, of Ashcroft, is at the Oriental.
Wallace Munro, of the Ole Olson Co., is at the Victoria.
Mrs. McDonnell, of Oakland, is at the Hotel Dallas.
J. J. Rand is spending a few days in the Capital on business.
R. B. Lennie, of Nelson, is a guest at the New England.
W. A. and Mrs. Munro, of Vancouver, are at the Driard.
N. P. Shaw and wife returned yesterday from a visit to Seattle.
T. R. Smith has returned from a business visit to the mainland.
H. G. Stripe, of the New York World, is a guest at the Hotel Victoria.
C. F. Heath, of Hood's Sarsaparilla, is in the city on a business trip and at the Victoria.
A. D. Helliners, manager of the Slocan Star mine, is a guest at the Hotel Victoria.
Geo. McL. Brown and Geo. L. Courtney returned home from Vancouver on Sunday evening.
T. Bilton, of New Westminster, and Charles B. Smith, of Saturna, are guests at the Dallas.

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EVERY MOUTH CLOSED.

A Speaker's Ruling on the Effect of Prosecution Counted by Ministers' Assaults.

When a Police Court Charge Has Been Made the Legislators Must Keep Silence!

TO THE EDITOR:—Your article of Sunday, headed "No One's Mouth Closed," was written under a complete misapprehension (for I cannot bring myself to believe that you would be guilty of a wilful perversion) of facts, and I deem it my duty to crave space in your columns to present the other side of the question to your readers. At the beginning I must express my deep regret that you failed to inform yourself as to the right of the legislature and the press to comment upon a case that forms the subject of judicial action, before writing your misleading and mischievous article; misleading, because calculated to convey to unthinking persons an erroneous idea of their rights; mischievous, because likely to give rise to a controversy calculated to prejudice the public mind for or against the accused in the libel actions, and render a verdict by a jury improbable.

You admit that you "have not the rule (governing the case) at hand," and you then denounce the rule, if any such exists, as "rank nonsense," and intimate that even if the speaker should rule that a case which is *sub judice* may not be discussed in the legislature, his decision should be overruled. What a pity you had not the rule at hand, or that you did not wait until you had consulted a copy of "May" before indulging in mock heroics and threatening a political upheaval if an attempt were made to close any one's mouth.

Is it possible that the *Colonist* library is so incomplete that it does not contain a copy of "May"? or that the legislative library or the nearest solicitor's office was not accessible to supply the information of which, I must be pardoned if I say, you stand badly in need. You are a writer of too wide experience to be reminded that it is not Mr. Speaker who makes the rules. His duty is to enforce them, strictly and impartially; and so far from the rule which prevents debate on matters that are before a court being "nonsensical" (as you say), I deem it a most salutary regulation—fair alike to both accuser and accused. Without further preface I shall refer you to May's Parliamentary Practice, tenth edition.

On page 264 it is said that "a matter whilst under adjudication by a court of law should not be brought before the house as a motion or otherwise."

On page 308: "A member while speaking to a question may not refer to matters pending a judicial decision."

On page 316: "Matters awaiting the adjudication of a court of law should not be brought forward in debate. This rule was observed by Sir R. Peel and Lord J. Russell, both by the wording of the speech from the throne and by their procedure in the house regarding Mr. O'Connell's case, and has been maintained by rulings from the chair."

These extracts may not convince you of the error into which you have yourself fallen and into which you have dragged your readers; but they seem very conclusive to my mind. It is no use telling me what in your opinion ought to be. You have only to deal with things as they are. The wild-eyed orator when told that his statements did not agree with facts replied, "So much the worse for the facts." When you are told that May does not comport with your article you will probably exclaim, "So much the worse for May." But the rule which you denounce as "rank nonsense" has stood the test of many years in the foremost debating body of the world and its wisdom has not to my knowledge been questioned—at least not successfully. We can all learn from British methods of procedure in and out of parliament. There is no country on earth where a man can be as certain of a fair trial before unbiased judges and unprejudiced jurymen as in England. Much of this is due to the respect which all classes entertain for the law and the confidence they feel in the administration of that law; and much is due to the admirable way in which the press conducts itself while the case is awaiting trial or is being heard. Comment is seldom made and an indiscretion is severely punished as contempt of court by the judges. When the Tichborne matter was on trial transgressors of this excellent regulation were severely dealt with. You, sir, when reminded by a contemporary that it is wrong to comment on the guilt or innocence of the gentlemen who have been committed for trial on a charge of libel exclaim, "This is not Russia." No, this is Canada, a dependency of the British Crown, where the press is free and untrammelled—free to discuss every question of public importance; but where it is not licensed to browbeat judges, assail juries or prejudice cases, as is done across the line. Take the Durant case as a recent example of how things are conducted there. That dreadful person was tried by the newspapers. Every twopenny-halfpenny publication had something to say for or against him, and it took nearly three years, and cost the State of California \$200,000 before he was finally disposed of. The man did not have a fair trial. The press so clamored for his blood that jurors who were not convinced of his guilt were afraid to disagree. What a commentary on the administration of justice in the States were his dying words, "I have been hounded to death by the newspapers." The administration of justice on the American side is denounced by the Americans themselves, and so little confidence is felt in the courts that lynch law prevails in nearly every state. Would such a condition of affairs be desirable here? You claim and have exercised the right of comment on a case that has yet to be tried. For what purpose? To prejudice the minds of the jurors and render a just verdict in the action impossible? If you have any good reason you fail to advance it. No; this is not Russia, neither is it the United States. It is free Canada, where every man is presumed to be innocent until he has been proved guilty, and where no one is allowed, or ought to be allowed, in or out of parliament, on the public platform or through the press, to prejudice a case before it has been tried.

D. W. HIGGINS.

VICTORIA'S TRADE.

WITH APOLOGIES TO THE AUTHOR OF "MY MOTHER."

Who wants Victoria's Klondike trade? Seattle.
Who said small duty need be paid? Seattle.
Who just hates rude people to lash her With the fact that Klondike's not in Alaska? Seattle.
Who wants the trade so mighty badly, That, to get it, they'll bunco her own people gladly? Seattle.
Who tried Victoria's goods to damn, Forgetting she'd said they came from Uncle Sam? Seattle.
Who thinks Canada will but look on Whilst Yankee "git up" grabs the Yukon? Seattle.
Who needs distinctly to be told That what Canada has she'll surely hold? Seattle.
Who dares not whisper miner's license (Which can't be had on United States side), But transposes the word and keeps silence, Knowing well there's a change in the tide? Seattle.
Who tries every time honest truth to hide, And each fact against her has always denied; Who knows this one, which is a regular beauty, That all goods bought in U.S. have got to pay duty? Seattle.
Who's not afraid that the truth be spread, Because she's going straight ahead; Who carries the goods, who has the best routes, Who'll secure the trade? you bet your gum boots Victoria. (Seattle papers please copy.) Victoria, January 22, 1898.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND KLONDIKE.

Lecture by Rev. Mr. Somerville, Formerly a Minister in this Province.

(From the Falkirk Herald, 22nd Dec., 1897.)

The above was subject of a lecture delivered at Plean on Wednesday evening by Rev. Mr. Somerville, who formerly spent five years in that colony. Mr. Somerville stated that gold had been the instrument used by Providence for leading out population from thickly-peopled countries to those that were untenanted. There were few found on their way to the rich lands of Australia till the cry of gold led out the multitudes. The same cry took them to California, formerly occupied by only a few Mexican Alcaides and half-breeds. British Columbia was almost unknown till the discovery of gold in 1857 led settlers to its fertile valleys, and, in turn, has dragged them and others from the central to its distant parts. In the Big Bend of the Columbia, there are 150 square miles filled with minerals, in which towns of importance have risen up during the last few years. The Cariboo mines, further north, have been worked for thirty years, and the Omineca and Cassiar mines, still further north. The latest and, in some respects, the most wonderful discovery of gold has been in the region of the Upper Yukon. There had been prospectors and mining there for ten years, but the experiences of those who were last year on the Klondike, one of the tributaries of the Yukon, had made it famous. One man shovelled for an hour and cleaned up 120 oz. of gold, or 2,040. Galvin, from Queenstown, who went there four years ago, had returned worth a million. From one of his claims he took out from ten to forty thousand dollars a day, amongst them a nugget worth £94. Clarence Berry, of Fresno, in California, had been almost successful. The claims had very suggestive names—El Dorado, Bonanza, Gold Bottom, Too Much Gold Creek, and they seemed to have justified their names. Blanks there must have been as well as prizes. There were already about 7,000 in Dawson City and the surrounding country, and hundreds now on the roads, and when spring opened there would be a rush from all countries. The northern part of the Yukon river was in American territory, the south part in the Canadian. Gold had been found freely on both sides of the line, but the richest fields were in the British territory. He had no doubt that many were perishing there this winter through cold, starvation and exposure. But that would not deter the crowds who are waiting to get in. At Seattle, Victoria, Vancouver, the wharves were being extended, and steamers built and chartered for the increased passenger and freight traffic. Having been five years in British Columbia, and always maintained his interest in it, and being in communication with those who were in its different districts, he felt at liberty to say a little about the journey thither, and what they would find when once they had got there. It was easy to get to British Columbia—ship and rail all the way for about £15 third-class. The difficulties then commenced. If they went by ship all the way from Victoria, round by the Aleutian Islands, and up the Yukon by St. Michael's, it was a journey of 5,000 miles more—2,000 miles longer than the journey across America. If they took the shorter route by ship to Wrangell or Juneau, Skagway or Dyea, towns on the coast, and thence by the inland passes and lakes, it would be only about 1,500, but there would be climbing steepes, building rafts, rushing rapids, packing provisions up steep hills, and mosquitoes innumerable. The great difficulty was that the coast range came almost close on the sea, was precipitous, and with few passes. It was like a wall at the very first—once over that it was easier. But only strong men in good health could stand it. Of the different land routes, he was in favor of that which was rather the longest, viz., by steamer from Victoria to Wrangell, thence by small steamer up the Stikine river to Telegraph Creek, thence by trail and Teelin lake down to the Yukon. By all means let the intending emigrant buy his supplies in Victoria or Vancouver, preferably Victoria, as most of the steamers going north started there. The mines were in Canadian territory, and if the supplies were purchased in the towns of the United States, there would be both trouble and expense in connection with the tariff. The Americans had a little strip along the coast, and there was sufficient trouble getting goods through it in bond. At no distant date there would be an all-Canadian route. The C.P.R. already had reached to Edmonton, on the eastern

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side of the mountains, and they were already contemplating the extension from Edmonton to the Yukon. If any of them were in a fair way of doing here, they should not run risks of gold-seeking, and no man should attempt going to Klondike who had not got at least £150. There was not only the expense of the journey, but the expense of provision there until established in a claim, and working it until it paid. The lecture was illustrated by screen pictures, there was a large audience, and the lecturer was thanked very heartily.

BUSINESS DIMINISHES.

With the Enforcement of the New Passenger Rates Traffic Gets Lighter.

If the Walla Walla's lists when she sailed for San Francisco last evening can be taken as an illustration of how advanced rates are going to affect travel between California and Northern ports, it can safely be predicted that the business of the line, which up to the present has given the three vessels conducting it all they were capable of handling, will be greatly diminished. The Walla Walla is the first steamer to sail since the rates were raised, and her passenger list was far from being as large as those on her former sailings. Up till a late hour yesterday the only saloon passengers ticketed here were J. Miller, E. L. Conkling, G. L. Kinman, W. S. Munro, Mrs. Munro and Mrs. Edmonds. The Umatilla, too, had rather a small crowd on arriving from California early yesterday morning, those for Victoria numbering 18 first class and 14 second class passengers. There were among the arrivals one or two who are destined for the gold fields and who will here transfer to a northern-bound steamer. The steamer's freight for Victoria amounted to 89 tons.

MARINE NOTES.

Capt. Jones, of the British ship *Benicia*, which arrived in Esquimalt with general cargo on Saturday, is anxiously awaiting the disappearance of the snow, so that he may proceed to discharge naval stores. As soon as these are landed the ship shifts to the outer wharf, and after discharging her Victoria cargo goes to Vancouver and to Tacoma.

Steamer City of Kingston resumed service yesterday in good time for the coming season's business. In consequence of her return to work the merchants of the city received their mail when commencing the day.

Although not sailing North until Thursday, the steamer City of Seattle has already secured a full load, and in Seattle now all applicants for tickets are refused.

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